

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1130
By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Dwight Wilkerson upon the 50th anniversary of his ownership of WLIK radio station in Cocke County.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to recognize those estimable organizations and individuals who have made significant contributions to the cultural fabric of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dwight Wilkerson is one such laudable Tennessean who recently celebrated his 50th anniversary as the owner and operator of WLIK 1270 AM in Cocke County; the historic station has brought great fame and honor to this state during its fifty years of broadcasting excellence under Mr. Wilkerson's guidance; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 1954, Mr. Wilkerson went on the air for the first time from the broadcast location of 640 West Highway 25/70; and

WHEREAS, both Mr. Wilkerson and WLIK have now thrived at that location for a half century; and

WHEREAS, through his prodigious service, this estimable gentleman has contributed significantly to the growth, prosperity and cultural development of Cocke County; and

WHEREAS, throughout WLIK's existence, Mr. Wilkerson has ensured that the station's contributions to society have reached much further than merely delivering entertainment; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Dwight Wilkerson for his countless contributions to the entertainment and communications industries, Cocke County, and the Volunteer State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Dwight Wilkerson for his invaluable

contributions to Cocke County and this State and join with the staff and listeners of WLIK in celebrating the 50th anniversary of his proficient leadership of the station.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to Mr. Wilkerson our best wishes for all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.